

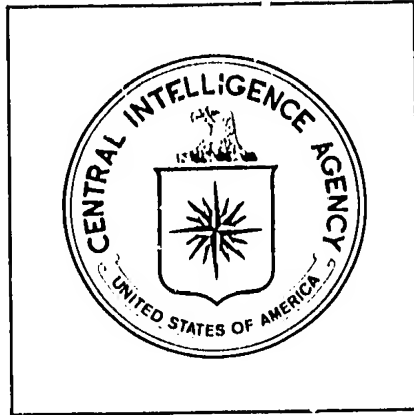
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Turks to Study NATO, US Ties; Could Try to
Alter Cyprus Line

The Turkish government has warned that it will review its NATO ties and its mutual defense agreements with the US as a result of the cutoff of US military assistance. The aid halt reportedly has also removed the last impediment to a Turkish military move to modify the cease-fire line on Cyprus.

25X1C [REDACTED] reports that the Turks plan a military operation between February 6 and 8 to clear the Greek National Guard out of the least five positions, including two areas near Nicosia airport and others along a line west of Nicosia to the northwest coast near Lefka.

25X1C [REDACTED] The reported operation, and a report that Ankara has decided to allow Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash to declare an independent Turkish Cypriot state, suggests that the Turks may abandon negotiations and seal off half of the island. We have no evidence from Ankara, however, that the Turks are about to launch any new military operations in Cyprus.

The Turks have lashed out at the US Congress and indicated that some type of retaliation for the aid halt will occur. After holding an emergency meeting of his national security council last night, Prime Minister Irmak released a statement accusing the US of an "unlawful act" in unilaterally abandoning obligations required by a military defense alliance. Irmak said there will be changes in Turkey's contribution to NATO, but he had said before the meeting that Turkey would not withdraw from the organization.

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The Turkish national security council may not have decided on specific moves. A number of possibilities will probably be considered, ranging from charging rent for US use of Turkish facilities to canceling some US base rights. The Turks will probably hesitate to restrict US military activity where it is most closely connected with Turkish or NATO defense. While the Turks are making up their minds, there will likely be a surge of anti-Americanism in Turkey that could produce demonstrations threatening US property and personnel. (Secret No Foreign Dissem/No Dissem Abroad/Background Use Only/Controlled Dissem)

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